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Reply To
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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

Dear Ms. White:

This letter transmits the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10's (EPA) final changes to Washington's 1998 Clean Water Act Section (§) 303(d) list of water quality-limited waters. Of the 130 water body/pollutant pairings EPA proposed to add, 116 water body/pollutant pairings will be added to the State's 1998 §303(d) list. After considering public comments, which included recent sediment water quality data, and other submitted studies and information, EPA is not adding 14 water body/pollutant pairings we proposed to list, as the new data/information show that these waters should not be listed. The list of waters and the associated pollutants that will be added is enclosed along with the names of the 14 water body/pollutant pairings we did not include for listing. Also enclosed is the Index of Public Comments and EPA's Responsiveness Document which addresses public comments received on EPA's proposed action.

I would like to express my appreciation to a member of your staff, Alison Beckett. She provided significant assistance, particularly for assisting in a long, arduous process and coordinating the water body fact-finding amongst the many Washington Department of Ecology staff. The cooperation of Ms. Beckett helped us complete the changes with confidence in their accuracy.

I look forward to continued efforts in improving the quality of Washington's waters. If you have any questions or comments feel free to call me at (206) 553-1261 or you may contact Alan Henning of my staff at (206) 553-8293.

Sincerely,

Randall F. Smith
Director
Office of Water

Enclosures:

- 1) Water body/Pollutant Additions
- 2) Index of Public Commenters
- 3) Public Comments and EPA's Responses

cc: Alison Beckett, WDOE